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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: EX PARTE NOTICE – CS 98-120, MB 03-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc. (CBC), Hugh Wright of HD+ Associates and I met with Rick Chessen, Mary Beth Murphy, Rosalee Chiara, Ben Bartolome, Eloise Gore, Jamila Bess Johnson, Robert Nelson, and Mike Lance of the Media, Policy and International Bureaus of the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Wright participated via telephone. As reflected in the attached documents, we discussed the technical requirements for the delivery of all full-power broadcast digital stations via Direct Broadcast Satellite.

We disclaimed that we are not advocating the common platform plan outlined in this filing, but that we are merely using it as an example of the combination of technologies that enable the delivery of all full-power broadcast digital stations via Direct Broadcast Satellite. We also disclaimed orally that although all of these technologies are available today or will be available during calendar year 2004, considerable lead time is required to launch satellites using this technology, as well as the phasing out of legacy set-top boxes.

If there are questions relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Best regards,

/s/ Dianne Smith

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Enclosures



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